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## Passing 10 million: KC-135 crew passes fuel offload mark while refueling Navy EP-3E ARIES II

By 2nd Lt. Jeff Clark

379th Air Expeditionary Wing public affairs

BASE Y – Grand Forks Air Force Base KC-135R Stratotankers assigned to the 340th Expeditionary Air

Refueling Squadron have delivered more than 10 million pounds of jet fuel to receiver aircraft in Operation Enduring Freedom since arriving here in July.

A KC-135R flown by Capt. Tom Joslyn, aircraft commander, 1st Lt. Mike Bernardi, pilot, and Airman 1st Class

Doug Smith, boom operator, completed the last refueling on the way to the milestone Sept. 9 when they off-loaded more than 71,000 pounds of jet fuel to a U.S. Navy EP-3E Airborne Reconnaissance Integrated Electronic System II during their four and a half hour mission.

The 10 million pound mark was reached in 48 days with 227 sorties, which saw the Grand Forks' squadron delivering an average of almost 105 tons of fuel a day.

"The real story here is the teamwork behind the scenes that makes it possible for a pilot to turn on the pump switches," said Maj. Murray Clark, 340th EARS operations officer.

"Teamwork includes everyone from the fuel truck driver, to the silently heroic maintenance crew chiefs working on airplanes in 120-degree heat, to life support technicians arming the crews, to the food service employees who prepare flight lunches, and even the civil engineers who keep air conditioners running so in-flight refueling specialists (boom operators) can rest in preparation for all-night combat sorties. Ten million pounds offloaded is just a number; people working well together is the story," Clark said.

Echoing the teamwork sentiment, Col. Tim Scott, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander mentioned the Grand Forks squadron's great achievement of delivering 10 million pounds so quickly.

"This milestone highlights the cooperation of the operations and maintenance sides working together to accomplish the mission," said Scott.

The first Grand Forks mission was flown July 23 by Capt. Nate Diaz, 1st Lt. Frederico Mendoza, and Airman 1st Class Shannon Jones, delivering 60,000 pounds of fuel, also to a Navy EP-3E ARIES II aircraft.



The EP-3E Airborne Reconnaissance Integrated Electronic System II is the Navy's only land-based signals intelligence reconnaissance aircraft. The aircraft provides fleet and theater commanders worldwide with near real-time tactical SIGINT. With sensitive receivers and high-gain dish antennas, the EP-3E exploits a wide range of electronic emissions from deep within targeted territory.

### On the cover:

While its people remain, the 319th Air Refueling Wing will be reorganized. The reorganization, ceremony, directed by the Air Force Chief of Staff, will be Monday at 1 p.m. in the threebay hangar.



Graphic by Senior Airman Monte Voll

93%

Air Refueling Effectiveness Rate from Sept. 16 through 22.

DWI-free days. The base gets a down day for 100 DWI-free days.

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## Wing announces third quarter award winners

### Airman of the Quarter Senior Airman Robert A. Nelson

319th Operations Support Squadron

As weather operations team chief, Nelson single-handedly developed key procedures to use when transformer failure deprived the airfield of its primary weather sensors, ensuring safety of flight. Air Mobility Command



inspectors lauded his Web page design that encompasses all weather procedures and data.

Nelson performed his primary duties at a stellar level, while maintaining a 4.0 grade point average in two classes and a sterling 95 percent average in Airman Leadership School.

### NCO of the Quarter Technical Sergeant Becky K. Quenneville

319th Medical Support Squadron



Quenneville distinguished herself as a front line NCO displaying outstanding technical proficiency as assistant NCO in charge of diagnostic imaging services. Her leadership and relentless commitment to service is evident in the positions

she holds as president of base Network 56 and vice persident of the base advisory council.

She recently achieved one of her educational goals, receiving a bachelor of science in management and human resources, with an impressive 4.0 GPA.

On top of this, she volunteers off duty time to Airmen Against Drunk Driving, local schools, and youth programs.

### Senior NCO of the Quarter Senior Master Sergeant Gary M. Coumbs

319th Civil Engineering Squadron
(No photo available)

Coumbs is the infrastructure systems chief.

He was handpicked by the 319th Air Refueling Wing inspector general to lead a 56-person team to deploy to Volk Field, Wis., for ability to survive and operate training. His efforts ensured the wing received a "green" rating from AMC headquarters. He also oversaw repairs of a main lift station preventing sewage backup to more than 350 housing units.

Furthermore, he enthusiastically instructed the feedback skills block for the NCO enhancement seminar.

### Company Grade Officer of the Quarter Capt. Judson M. Stiglich

319th Mission Support Squadron



Stiglich provided outstanding leadership for logistics plans flight and installation deployments.

As deputy logistics plans flight commander, Stiglich tracked and briefed the readiness of 388 unit type codes spanning 10 aerospace expeditionary forces for the

319th Air Refueling Wing.

He ensured successful deployment and redeployment of 16 Operation Enduring Freedom missions. Stiglich also completed his masters degree in public administration at the University of Oklahoma with a 3.75 GPA this quarter.

## Honor Guard Member of the Quarter Airman First Class Matthew A. Hancsarik

319th Contracting Squadron

Hancsarik has been an invaluable asset to the base honor guard team. His enthusiasm and professionalism is contagious and energizes the people around him. Hancsarik exemplifies the model airman, with his strong lead-



ership style and positive attitude. With the loss

of honor guard members due to deployments and moves, he quickly volunteered to step in as an honor guard trainer, ensuring young recruits were trained and ready to perform when needed. His dedication and contributions made him an invaluable asset to this elite group.

### First Sergeant of the Quarter Master Sergeant Scott A. Fuller

319th Supply Squadron

Fuller ensures a positive work environment for personnel directly responsible for assets exceeding \$107 million.

A staunch supporter of our leaders of tomorrow, Fuller makes mentoring young troops a top priority through his facilitated feedback with Airman

Leadership School students on effective leadership, responsibility, and recognition. He has also conducted "discipline" instruction for the NCO enhancement course. His hard work also extends to the community, where he takes advantage of the opportunity to instill Bible truths through weekly Bible study for 16 children using stories, praise songs, games, and a reward system for verse memorization.

### Category I, Civilian Program Specialist of the Quarter Mary E. Middleton

319th Services Squadron



Middleton is a child development program technician. Her immense dedication to youth activities, strict adherence to youth center directives, and love for her job proved instrumental in

winning the AMC 2002 Youth Programs Award. She flawlessly coordinated numerous "Month of the Young Child" events that were enjoyed by nearly 850 participants.

Middleton also volunteered to assist with the Grand Forks "Hands-on Learning Fair," a program that benefitted more than 500 family members.

### Category II, Civilian Program Manager of the Quarter Everett E. Crouse

319th Operations Support Squadron

As chief of airfield management for the 319th Operations Support Squardon, Crouse led the planning and execution of several massive airfield projects including replacing all taxiway shoulders and lights at a total cost of \$5 million.



He worked closely with the Army Corps of Engineers to design a visionary new entrance to the recently completed "Charlie" ramp extension, worth \$500,000. He also served as a mentor for the base summer hire program for both college and high school students providing valuable work experience and an up-close look at the Air Force.

## Category III, Civilian Senior Program Manager of the Quarter David L. Quinn

319th Services Squadron



Quinn is the deputy director of the 319th Services Squadron. His team - building approach to management and strong support of personnel inspired the services team to collaborate with many installation organizations.

Several of his teams' outstanding

achievements were highlighted during the "Grand New Day," which included the kick-off of Around the World in 90 Days, the all-night softball tournament, the grand opening of two "showcase" lodging facilities and Liberty Square, a "world class" youth facility.

### Bone marrow registration

## Senior airman's sister one of many needing help

By Staff Sgt. Randy Roughton Public affairs

With the anticipated birth of her niece just a few months away, Senior Airman Beth Turner wants to be excited. But her joy is tempered with concern for her 23-yearold sister.

She's concerned because she knows without a bone marrow transplant, Jasmine, who was diagnosed with chronic leukemia in April, may not live to see her second child start kindergarten.

Doctors want to perform the transplant a few weeks after the birth, and Turner would gladly become her sister's donor, if only she was a match for her sister. But all she can do is pray someone joins the National Donor Registry who could help her sister.

"She's my only sister, the only close family I have, she's everything to me," Turner, a 319th Medical Support Squadron systems technician, said. "If I can save someone's life or even add a few years to somebody's life, I would be willing to take a chunk out of my hip. It would be painful, but worth it.

"I just didn't know about (the National

Donor Registry) before."

About 500 Department of Defense members are also awaiting bone marrow transplants, and even though the DOD has about 300,000 registered potential donors, less than 1 percent match, said Capt. Lisa Martin, 319th Medical Support Squadron education and training flight commander.

The best option for the 30,000 Americans diagnosed with a lifethreatening blood disorder is a family member donor, but 75 percent of them are unable to find a blood relative match.

slim, the only answer is to find as many

### Bone marrow drive set for Thursday



(Above) Senior Airman Beth Turner is pictured with her sister, who will need a bone marrow transplant soon.

Base members can help by participating in the base bone marrow donor registration drive 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in the community activities center.

willing donors as possible, Martin said.

The base community has a chance to help those odds with bone marrow donor registration drive to help the C.W. Bill Young-DOD Bone Marrow Donor Program 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in the community activities center.

"You don't have all of the restrictions when you're giving blood," Martin said. "You can still become part of the bone marrow national registry.

"I'm permanently deferred from giving

Because the chances of a match are so blood, but I can do this. For the small chance I could match someone and possibly

help save a life, I feel this is something God wants me to do."

More than 4 million volunteer donors are registered on the National Marrow Donor Program, but so many people die while waiting for a miracle match. Minority donors are especially needed to help people like Turner's sister.

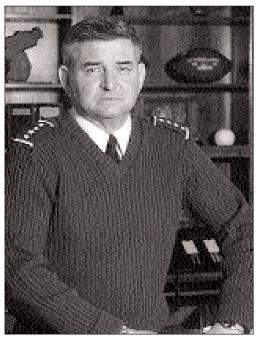
"The biggest conflict the National Donor Society has is there aren't a lot of minorities who donate," Turner said. "My sister falls in that category.

"So I want to get the word out to everybody. I didn't only donate for my sister, but I'm donating for everyone out there in need of a donor. I pray that others will do the same."

To learn more, visit the DOD Marrow Donor Program Web site at www.dodmar-

"If anyone isn't concerned yet, think about our real-world situation and weapons of mass des-truction we could face," Martin said.

"One of the agents is a marrow toxic agent. Our real-world risk is increased because of the environment we're in."



Retired Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman Former Air Force chief of staff

## Honored guest

## Former AF chief of staff speaks at AF ball

### Compiled from staff reports

Former Air Force chief of staff, retired Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman will speak Saturday, at the 2002 Air Force Ball.

"General Fogleman is a talented speaker and gifted historian," said Col. Keye Sabol, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander. "I believe he'll go down as one of the greatest military leaders in history."

Fogleman served as the senior uniformed Air Force officer from October 1994 to August 1997. He was responsible 750,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving throughout the world.

When he came on board as chief of staff, Fogleman promised to "push hard" the idea that the Air Force is a "team within a team"—that is, an Air Force team within a much broader joint team that includes the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

"The Air Force is a total force team composed of a mosaic of active-duty members, civilians, guardsmen, reservists, families, retirees and industry," Fogleman said. "Each member of our team contributes mightily to making the nation's Air Force the most respected in the world and the finest aerospace power ever fielded, anywhere."

"General Fogleman's leadership success has a lot to do with his knowledge of military leaders in history," Sabol said.

He is a command pilot and a parachutist, amassing more than 6,800 flying hours in fighter, transport, tanker and rotary wing aircraft.

### Air Force Ball

The 2002 Air Force Ball is Saturday at Ralph Englestad Arena in downtown Grand Forks. Social hour with appetizers begins at 4 p.m., and dinner is at 5 p.m. This year's theme is "Standing Stronger in the Face of Terror."

Former Air Force chief of staff, retired Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman is the guest speaker. Fogleman served as the senior uniformed Air Force officer from October 1994 to August 1997. He was responsible for 750,000 active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving throughout the world.

Appropriate dress for the evening is mess dress or semi-formal uniform for military and evening wear for civilians.

## Military clothing price increase

Effective Tuesday, some items will increase in price at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales and service. AAFES officials said people might want to come in before Tuesday to buy items under the lower current prices. With such a short time frame to do shopping before prices increase, the MCSS store will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### **Black & White Ball**

The seventh annual Black & White Scholarship Ball, sponsored by the African-American Cultural Association, is Oct. 19 in The Club's ballroom. Donations are \$20 per club member and \$23 for non-members.

The attire for the evening is black tie/semi-formal dress. This year will pay tribute to the past six balls. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. followed by silent auctions, dinner, program, and dancing.

For details call Donya Davis-Seay at 594-2377, Maxine Roy-Johnson at 747-6011, M.C. Diop at 777-4362 and Rose Biggs at 747-5420 or 594-6239.

### Water samples

Grand Forks AFB conducts routine sampling of its public water supply to ensure the quality of its drinking water.

The Environmental Protection Agency and the North Dakota Department of Health require that a minimum of five acceptable samples be submitted to a certified laboratory for microbiological analysis. Records show four

### Briefs ·



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturko.

### New pavilion

Col. Barbara Chine, 319th Support Group commander, Col. Keye Sabol, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander, Lt. Col. Clifford Fitts, 319th Services Squadron commander, Lt. Col. Douglas Tarbett, 319th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, and Stan Bruggeman, outdoor recreation, along with others from around the base celebrated the grand opening of a new \$420,000

acceptable samples were submitted during the month of August.

Base officials say they regret this error in meeting monitoring requirements occurred

It is recognized that a complete monitoring program is of great value in making certain that safe drinking water is provided to all consumers. Steps have been take to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future.

For more details call 2nd Lt. Dan Mortensen at 747-5596.

### Leave carry-over

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER - Active duty airmen who were unable to take annual leave this past year because they were supporting contingency operations will be allowed to accumulate more than the normal 60 days after the fiscal year ends.

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members, who performed fulltime training or other full-time duty for more than 29 days, are also eligible for this special leave accrual.

Those affected can retain up to 90 days of leave until the end of fiscal year 2003, according to personnel officials.

"When possible, service members are encouraged to use their leave in the year it is earned," said Charles Abell, assistant secretary of defense for force management policy.

Those who meet the criteria for having excess leave should apply for special

leave accrual through their command channels.

For more details call military personnel flight customer service at 747-4902.

### **West Nile questions**

People who find dead birds or other wildlife on base or who have questions about the West Nile virus should contact the 319th Medical Group public health section at 747-5511.

## Retirement issue may become law

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- A little-known pay measure, set to become law, could turn into a budget-busting problem for the Defense Department, officials said. At issue is "concurrent receipt." If enacted, the legislation may cost the DOD around \$58 billion extra over the next decade.

Concurrent receipt is sometimes called "double dipping." Currently, military retirees who receive VA disability payments have their retired pay reduced dollar-for-dollar by the VA payment. Retired pay is fully taxable; VA disability payments are not taxed.

The concurrent receipt legislation, part of the fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Bill, would allow retirees receiving 60 percent disability or more to receive their full disability and their full retirement.

## Base readies for reorganization

**By Staff Sgt. Randy Roughton** Public affairs

Getting accustomed to squadron shuffling and new organization symbols may take a little time, but the 319th Air Refueling Wing's reorganization serves one critical purpose in America's war on terrorism. The changes will increase the wing's wartime mission effectiveness capabilities

Since June, a team of more than 20 people from all units and functional areas affected by the reorganization have planned the changes in the wing that take effect Tuesday, said Capt. William A. Foster, manpower and organization chief. The manpower office has been the

focal point for all base-level manpower issues about the new wing structure.

"By organizing around our core competencies and our deployment posture, we better equip and train ourselves day to day to move seamlessly into a wartime deployed environment," Foster said.

Air Force senior leadership directed the service-wide reorganization to establish a new combat organization structure that will standardize operations, while enhancing air expeditionary capabilities.

The new combat wing organization structure puts operations and operations support squadrons remain under the

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## Squadron commanders for maintenance, mission support groups

(Effective Tuesday)

319th Mission Support Group: Col. Barbara Chine
319th Civil Engineer Squadron: Lt. Col. Douglas Tarbett
319th Communications Squadron: Lt. Col. Laurie Lisec
319th Mission Support Squadron: Lt. Col. Victoria Bowens
319th Security Forces Squadron: Maj. John Moes
319th Services Squadron: Lt. Col. Clifford Fitts
319th Logistics Readiness Squadron: Maj. Walter Moynihan
319th Contracting Squadron: Maj. Bradley Price
319th Maintenance Group: Col. Michael Saville
319th Maintenance Operations Squadron: Maj. David M. Haar
319th Maintenance Squadron: Maj. David M. Koch

## 319th Maintenance Group prepares to 'gear up'

"GEAR up" will soon be the battle cry of the 319th Maintenance Group when the new group stands up at the 319th Air Refueling Wing's reorganization ceremony Monday.

"Generating Excellence in Aircraft Readiness" will be the primary job of the new group – hence the acronym GEAR up.

This transition marks the beginning of a new era in aircraft maintenance – the likes of which the Air Force hasn't seen in over a decade when we reorganized into objective wings.

Our focus will be on fixing

airplanes which is becoming more complex with today's technologies and aging aircraft. Maintaining these complex systems is one of the Air Force's

SWO.

Col. Michael J. Saville

319th Logistics Group

Commander

core competencies that the Air Force chief of staff is focusing on with this transformation into a standard wing organization, or

The median age of our KC-135s is 41 years old. But since Sept. 11,

2001, the fleet's average usage has increased by 45 percent over what the Air Force programmed.

Thus, the aircraft are aging more rapidly than anticipated and require a concerted effort to maintain them in top-notch condition to meet the changing demands in today's Air Force.

In order to sustain the kind of operations tempo required, we need maintenance professionals dedicated to that purpose. We have the best and the most knowledgeable airmen on this airframe at Grand Forks Air Force Base.

To accomplish their mission, the newly organized maintenance group will consist

of three squadrons, the aircraft maintenance squadron, formerly the aircraft generation squadron, that will focus on flightline operations; the maintenance squadron, that will focus on the backshop maintenance activities; and the maintenance operations squadron, formerly the logistics support squadron, that will focus on maintenance scheduling, analysis, job assignments and quality assurance.

Each of these squadron's focus will be dedicated to "Generating Excellence in Aircraft Readiness."

The task is a great one, and the team assembled here is "geared up" to meet the challenge.

# Meet the Commander

### What matters most to you as a commander?

I firmly believe that people are our most important resource and balancing that against the importance of our mission is always a challenge. I think the best way to strike the balance between these two is by putting "mission first – people always."

## Why do you look forward to your new position as commander? What goals do you hope to achieve/do you want your group to achieve?

I look forward to the challenge of standing up the new Maintenance group within the wing. We are seeing a period of transformation in the Air Force unlike any we've seen in over a decade. There's plenty of new opportunities to make this group the benchmark in Air Mobility Command and the maintenance group's new battle cry, GEAR Up, which stands for Generating Excellence in Aircraft Readiness is what we intend to achieve.

### What is your history of leading people? What will you expect from your people?

Every person in the Air Force is a leader of some sort. I've had over 20 years of assignments that have taught me leadership lessons. As far as command positions, I was fortunate to have commanded two squadrons, 19th Air Refueling Wing Logistics Support Squadron and later

the Maintenance Squadron, both at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. The main thing I expect people to do is to treat each other with the dignity and respect that each of us deserve.

What are some of the situations/circumstances in your life that have helped mold your leader-ship principles?

I credit my parents with instilling the values of integrity and honesty in our family. In my view, these two basic values form the foundation for all other leadership principles and have guided my leadership style throughout my career.

## What are your views on the military family? How important is it for each person in your unit to be a part of the team?

All members of our military family are part of our military team. You can't separate one from the other and I'm glad to see the Air Force focusing on initiatives to improve the support our families deserve. We've been asking our families to endure some pretty difficult times since Sept. 11 and their sustained support has proven to be a critical element to our success.

In my own case, my wife Jan is totally committed to the Air Force way of life and knowing that I have her support makes my job so much easier. We've been a team for over 20 years and I thank God every day for her inspiration and encouragement.

## What heights do you want to bring your unit to — how do you want them to excel?

I want each person in the organization to succeed. As a commander it's my job to provide them the opportunities,

tools, training and equipment to do that. When each person has succeeded in the organization, then the whole organization will have achieved new heights. The wing's goal to "be the best in everything" is a lofty goal – but attainable — and we'll be reaching for it.

Col. Michael Saville

319th Logistics Group Commander

### Who are the inspirations in your life and how do they inspire you?

Probably the most important thing that separates our military from the foreign militaries I served with overseas is our professional NCO corps. In my mind, they make our military the best in the world and I am amazed by their ingenuity and innovativeness. Their enthusiasm serves as a daily inspiration and motivator.

## Airmen Against Drunk Driving

For a free, safe and confidential ride home 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call the AADD number at 740-2273. If you've had too much to drink, don't drive and call! Program available to military members, their families, and Department of Defense civilian employees.

## Unsung heroes in our midst expect us to carry on

By Col. Cynthia G. Snyder

11th Civil Engineer Squadron commander Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.

Oftentimes we find ourselves going at such a fast pace that we skip lunch, miss

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medical appointments, rise up before 5 a.m. to work out because we cannot afford to lose the time word he shared, I during the day -- and the list goes on and on. Unfortunately, we do not always take time to share a meaningful exchange with our coworkers or subordinates, or even with a friendly face on the bus or subway.

It was a hot Saturday afternoon in

August 2001, shortly after assuming squadron command, that I stopped by the heat plant on base to say hello to some of my folks. That conversation reconfirmed the importance of taking the time to get to know your people.

Many of us have read about Gen. Douglas MacArthur's bold landing at Inchon, Korea, which averted a potential disaster and set the stage for our forces to go on the offensive and push northward during the early stages of the Korean War. Merely viewing photographs of our troops at war in Korea causes one to marvel at the enormous hardships they faced and

overcame. But to actually talk to one "who was there," however, and hear him recount some of the critical days during the war, left me awestruck.

Lawrence (Larry) Gray was a corporal in the 3rd Infantry Division in 1950. He

served and fought in some of the most brutal conditions ever faced by American troops -- the operation to relieve the Marines trapped by Chinese Communist troops at the Chosin Reservoir. Mr. Grav recounted the brutal cold (sometimes as low as 30 degrees below zero) and how there was little food during the 18 to 20 days of desperate combat, and how his division survived on grapefruit juice during

this period. A few months later, I was reminded that Mr. Gray, while unique, is not rare.

Just last week, I was returning from a meeting when a tall elderly gentleman, who walked with a cane to ease his bad limp, boarded the subway car I was on. I offered him my seat.

Observing my uniform, he proudly began sharing his military experience with me and even proudly showed me his retired identification card.

He had entered the military in 1945 and had served in every war and conflict through Vietnam, primarily in the

infantry. He was especially proud of being part of the Berlin Airlift. While serving in Vietnam he was seriously wounded and lost his leg as a result.

As I listened intently to every word he shared, I noticed tears flowing from his eyes as he shared not only his experiences, but called his friends by name, many of whom did not return. But despite all that had happened, he was so proud to have served in the world's greatest armed forces, and he had no regrets.

How many ?Mr. Grays? and individuals like the gentleman on the subway are in your midst right now and perhaps waiting to share a special bond with you? The patriotism and professionalism of both gentlemen is a reminder of the heritage of which we, who currently wear the uniform of the greatest armed forces in the world, are a part.

Their conversations are a reminder of the thousands of service members?, civilians?, and their families? selfless service to this great nation.

These gentlemen did not complain because their names were not included in the numerous writings about these events -- that is not why they served. They served in answer to the call of this nation and they rightly assume we will do our part, when called upon, to continue the tradition of selfless service and if necessary, go beyond the call of duty to get the job done.

Then, perhaps, we will follow them by taking our own place among the ranks of the proud but unsung.

### Beauty and the base

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J. (AFPN) -- Shauntay Hinton, Miss USA 2002, drops for a set of 10 pushups with 305th Security Forces Squadron airmen here during her six-hour United Service Organizations tour of the base Sept. 23. While visiting 305th and 514th SFS air-Hinton pinned the **Commendation Medal on Senior Airman** Sean Peppard, a security forces reservist, for his actions supporting Operation **Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.** 



Photo by Scott H. Spitze

## Reorganization: How mission support, maintenance groups stack up

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319th Contracting Squadron

## 319th Mission **Support Group**

(Formerly 319th Support Group)



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## 319th Maintenance Group



(Formerly 319th Logistics Group)



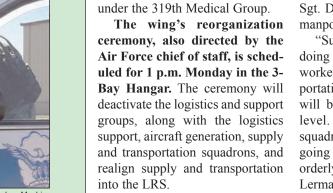
319th Security Forces Squadron

319th Logistics Readiness Squadron

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol and Airman 1st Class Joshua Moshiel

Group. In addition the MSG will also have civil engineer, communi-Photo by Senior Airman Darcie Bergstrand cations, mission support, security forces, services, and contracting squadrons. Medical support, operations, aerospace medicine and



Lt. Col. Eddie Douglas, who will assume the role of deputy commander of the newly designated MSG, experienced a taste of reorganization while at Castle Air Force Base, Calif., in 1994 when a flying training squadron moved to Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

"I think we've incorporated military tradition and heritage in this ceremony," Douglas said, "so the troops and the public know where the lines of authority lie

"We're going back to combat operations the way it used to be." Costs for the reorganization

319th Operations Group and main- will be limited to new organizatenance, aircraft and missile main- tional flags, signs and personal tenance and maintenance opera-patches, hats and coins. There will also be future costs associated with the new and upgraded facilities Supply and transportation will resulting from the creation of the merge into one squadron - logis- LRS Air Force-wide, depending on how the wing organizes around be part of the new Mission Support the new consolidated processes, Foster said

> But except for supply and transportation squadrons, most wing members probably won't notice many drastic changes.

> "I really don't see a major change for the wing," said Tech. Sgt. Derek Lerma, logistics group manpower analyst.

"Supply workers will still be doing supply work; transportation workers will still be doing transportation work. The major mergers will be more at the management Obviously with two squadrons merging, you're only going to have one commander, realign supply and transportation orderly room and first sergeant,"

### Bus schedule

The bus schedule for the wing reorganization ceremony Monday is as follows: Routes Pickup

Bus #1 Building 12:15 and 101(south) 12:30 p.m Building 12:20 and 306 (east) 12:35 p.m.

> 607 (north) 12:30 p.m. Building 12:20 and







## What does the reorganization mean to you?



Ken Johnson 319th Civil Engineer Squadron "When I started 31 years ago. transportation, contracting and supply were all a part of the support group. So for me, it's all coming full circle. I think the reorganization is a good idea because it helps the mission.'



319th Contracting Squadron "We're basically going back where we were 10 years ago. I'm looking forward to the change because it will get us closer to the customers we work for,"



Tech. Sqt. Dave Cislo 319th Mission Support Squadron "We won't see a lot of changes within our unit, but as we support other units, that's where we'll see the changes."





"With the consolidation of the squadrons, we'll have to change our names and my flight will become an element. Other than that I don't see any real changes in our day-to-day missions.



Rick Mabry 319th Aircraft Generation Squadron "For us mostly it's just a name change. Although, for people like me, it's going to take some getting used to the name change because in my 23 years of service it has always been AGS."



Mike Perron 319th Maintenance Squadron "Out of the logistics group, our squadron is one that won't see a name change. We won't see a whole lot of difference in what we do, we'll just have to change some signs and reorganize paperwork.."



**Senior Airman Rich Titus** 319th Communications Squadron "The change has kept me busy. Because I work the graphics side at visual information, we've had a lot of work redoing unit shields and imagery."

Bus #2 Building 12:15 and

418 (east) 12:35 p.m.

great things for our customers.'

**Senior Airman Trevor Smart** 319th Supply Squadron "The reorganization won't affect the mission or day-to-day stuff where I work. I think the change is good, though, because the combination of supply and transportation brings us together to provide

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### **Community**

### **Today**

### **GALAXY BASKETBALL**

There will be team registration and an informational meeting today at 10 p.m. tonight in the teen center at Liberty Square for the youth center's Galaxy Basketball. The season will take place Oct. 4 to Nov. 29 at Liberty Square for ages 13 to 18 Fridays 10:30 p.m. to midnight.

Cost is \$15. League needs a minimum of 16 players to hold. Teams will be co-ed, and only Galaxy Basketball participants will be allowed in Liberty Square during league times. For details, call Jeremy Swearingin at 747-7210.

### LIBERTY SQUARE

Open skating at Liberty Square tonight for ages 6 to 18 from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is only \$3 for admission and \$2 for skate rental.

The teen center at Liberty Square will be open tonight for ages 13 to 18 from 6 to 11.

### **Saturday**

### YOUTH GALAXY BOWLING

Saturdays at Dakota Lanes for ages 9 to 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and ages 13 to 15 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Cost is \$2.50/hour and .75 for shoe rental. Need 10 to hold; must sign up at the youth center to attend.

### **DANCING AT THE CLUB**

Come out to the Club tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., and dance to club mix music with "DJ."

### Sunday

### **FOOTBALL FRENZY**

Join the Club for "Football Frenzy" today at noon; vote to watch your favorite team on the NFL Sunday Ticket.

### Monday

### WIDOW'S BINGO

Come to the Club tonight while your spouse is watching football – play bingo. Cards will go on sale at 6 p.m., and games start at 7 p.m., guaranteed a minimum of \$700 given nightly!

### **MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**

Come to the Club tonight for more "Football Frenzy" for Monday Night Football Starter in the Sports Bar.

### **CANDY BINGO**

Every Monday for ages 6 to 12 from 5:30

to 6:30 p.m. at the youth center.

### **Tuesday**

### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Ticket sales begin today through Oct. 19 for the youth center's annual Halloween Carnival and Haunted House 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 25 and 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 26. Advance tickets will be 5 for \$1; 4 for \$1 at the door. Tickets are needed to play the game booths, to enter the haunted house and to purchase food. Anyone interested in helping with the haunted house, contact the youth center at 747-3150.

### **BASKETBALL REGISTRATION**

Basketball registration begins today through Oct. 15 for ages 5 and older. The season starts the end of October; practices begin Oct. 29, with games beginning the week of Nov. 12. Cost is \$30. Register at the youth center.

### **Thursday**

### **FINE ARTS PROGRAM**

Every Thursday is arts and crafts night at the youth center. This is a free program for ages 6 to 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. and ages 13 to 18 from 7 to 8 p.m.

### **Upcoming**

### LIFEGUARD CLASS

Outdoor recreation will offer a lifeguard class Oct. 5 to 21 Saturdays and Sundays. Call 747-3688 for details.

### **SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH**

Next month's Sunday Brunch will be 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 6 and 20. Enjoy the usual breakfast items along with meats, potatoes, gravy and vegetables.

### **PLANET PIZZA TRIP**

Sign up by Oct. 8 at the youth center for the Planet Pizza Trip to be held Oct. 12. The trip for ages 6 to 12 is from 12:30 to 4 p.m. and the trip for ages 13 to 18 is from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$7, including pizza, sodas and transportation.

### HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL MEETING

A meeting for those who signed for a booth at the annual Halloween carnival will be Oct. 9 at 5 p.m. at Liberty Square. For details call 747-3150.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY PLANNING**

Need help planning your holiday party? Call Anne at the Club, 747-3392. Members First receive a 10 percent discount when you book your holiday party on Monday through Thursday.

### **Base chapel**

### **CATHOLIC:**

Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday. Daily Mass: 11:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, all at Sunflower Chapel CCD: 10:45 a.m., Sunday, Twining Elementary School

Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel Singles Bible Study: Wednesday, noon, Sunflower Chapel

#### **PROTESTANT:**

<u>General Protestant Worship:</u> 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel.

<u>Liturgical Worship</u>: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel.

<u>Inspirational Worship</u>: 6 p.m., Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel

Singles: 7:15 p.m. Friday, meet at Prairie Rose Chapel annex

Youth: 4 p.m., Sunday, youth center, Grades 7 to

Religious Education: 9 a.m., Sunday, Eielson Elementary School.

Men of the Chapel: noon, Monday, Prairie Rose conference room

### **JEWISH:**

For details call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124.

### RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX:

For details call Dr. Levitov 780-6540

### **MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER:**

For details call 747-5673

### **Base theater**

Today, 7 p.m.

Blue Crush (PG-13)

Nothing gets between Anne Marie (Kate Bosworth) and her board. Living in a beach shack with three roommates, including her rebellious younger sister, she is up before dawn every morning to conquer the waves and count the days until the Pipe Masters surf competition.

### Saturday, 3 p.m. Simone (PG-13)

Al Pacino plays a movie director whose lead actress (Winona Ryder) suddenly drops out of his latest film. Without letting the public know, he uses a revolutionary program to replace the actress with a fully computer-generated starlet, named Simone — partially played by newcomer Rachel Roberts.

Sunday, 7 p.m.

Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat (2002) (R)

In Martin Lawrence's latest stand-up tour, the comedian and actor recounted the crazy events in the recent years of his life, from his bizarre arrest in Los Angeles to his three-day coma.

Oct. 4, 7 p.m. Signs (PG-13)

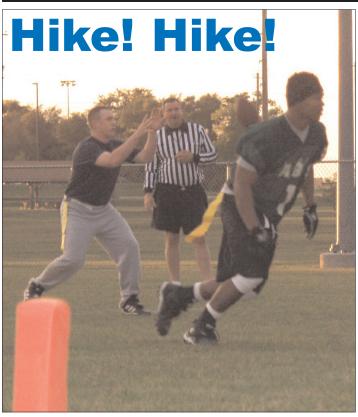
Oct. 5, 3 p.m.

Serving Sara (PG-13)

Oct. 6, 7 p.m. XXX (R)

Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults For details, call 747-3021/6123.

### **Sports**



Members of the 319th Aircraft Generation Squadron take off, looking to convert their extra point during an intramural flag football game Monday. The 319th AGS blanked their flightline rival, the 319th Maintenance Squadron 38-0, to move into a tie for second place.

### **Intramural flag football standings**

<b>TEAM</b>	$\underline{\mathbf{W}}$		$\mathbf{L}$	
TRANS	7		1	
SUP	6		1	
AGS	6		1	
CS	5		2	
MDG	3		3	
MSS/WG/CPTS	3		4	
SFS	2		4	
CES	1		5	
OSS	1		6	
MXS	0		8	
Current as of Sept. 25				

### Fall pheasant outlook promising

Season opens Oct. 12

An unusually mild winter is the main reason why North Dakota's pre-hunt pheasant population is higher than the past few years, according to Lowell Tripp, upland game bird biologist for the State Game and Fish Department, Oakes.

Based upon roadside pheasant brood count information gathered during August, the 2002 pre-hunt pheasant population is up 37 percent from 2001. Brood observations statewide were up 34 percent from last year, and the number of juveniles observed increased 38 percent. Average brood size, based upon survey observations in August, was 7.1, slightly higher than last year's 6.9, but still below the long-term average of 7.4. "This is a result of late spring rains coming shortly after the chicks were out of the eggs, causing some loss of young birds," Tripp said.

Source: North Dakota Game and Fish Department